

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

GREGORY TIFT,

Defendant.

CASE NO. **2:20-cr-00168-JCC**

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO  
DELETE POLYGRAPH  
REQUIREMENT FROM  
APPEARANCE BOND**

Defendant moves the Court to remove the requirement he submit to polygraph testing. Dkt. 107. The Court ordered the condition in October 2020. Defendant has not contested the condition until March 2020, when the Pretrial Office directed Defendant submit to a polygraph exam. Defendant declined to submit to the requested polygraph and told the Pretrial Office he would file a motion to remove the condition.

Defendant contends the Court should remove the condition because it is an overly burdensome financial and logistical hardship because it would take Defendant a total of 90 minutes to drive to the polygrapher's office in Mt. Vernon and back home, and because the polygrapher charges \$250.00. Defendant also contends polygraphs are unreliable, he shouldn't be asked questions about his pending charges, and no polygraph is need because he has been a "model example of pretrial release."

1 The Court rejects these arguments. The appearance bond requires Defendant to submit to  
2 polygraph examination no more than on a quarterly basis. Driving back and forth to the exam  
3 and paying \$250 on this basis is not overly burdensome. Defendant's concern about the reliability  
4 of exam is not a grounds to discard the condition; it is an issue that will arise if any if only  
5 deception is noted in any examination. Defendant implies he will be asked potentially  
6 incriminating question, i.e., "a pretrial discovery interview." He proceeds *pro se* and as his own  
7 lawyer needs to address those issues if they ever arise. The Court accordingly ORDERS:

8 (1) The motion to amend bond, Dkt 107, is DENIED.

9 (3) The clerk shall provide a copy of this order to all parties and the U.S. Probation  
10 and Pretrial Office.

11 DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

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14 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
United States Magistrate Judge